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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 22, 2006. Applicant notes that in the Final Office Action, claim 6 was deemed allowable and claims 1-5 and 7-20 were rejected. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, 11-13 and 16 are amended, claims 3, 6 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice and